

**HARBORMASTER
2005 ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
And the Residents of Chilmark

I am pleased to report that 2005 was again a safe and profitable year for Menemsha Harbor. There were no boating accidents or boating related injuries. We are also pleased to say the Harbor Department answered seven calls for assistance several of which were done in cooperation with the Coast Guard.

As you are well aware, we have been catching up on necessary repairs and maintenance of the harbor facilities. We dredged the transient docks, bulkhead and charter fishing docks; replaced over 25 spiles and will refurbish the west dock bulkhead and causeway while replacing the west float docks with maintenance free floating concrete docks. We hope to complete all repairs before next year's summer season.

During the past year with the help of the Harbor Management and Mooring Assignment Committees we updated and published the Chilmark Waterway Rules and Regulations while reorganizing the management procedures for seasonal mooring and slip applications and permits.

There were also several changes to the harbor staff in 2005. We were fortunate to have Richard Steves again as Assistant Harbormaster. Richard has been a great help with the department's administrative needs along with harbor management. Andy Bluestein returned for the summer after graduating from college in Montana. His EMT certification is an added safety measure for us during the busy summer season. We added two new members to the staff as well -- Ian Yaffe and Ryan Rossi as Assistant Harbormaster and Assistant Warfinger respectively.

Before concluding my report to the Board of Selectmen and the Residents of Chilmark I would like to take this opportunity to thank the commercial fishermen, charter captains and the town seasonal slip and mooring holders for all of their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

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